

## Supporting Client Outcomes

**Objective:** Adequate quality resources are available for foster care, behavior rehabilitation services and adoption

Measured by: Foster care licensing applications which take more than 90 days to complete

The Children's Administration strives to ensure that the foster care resources available to care for children are safe, stable and secure. Simultaneously, there is an ever-growing need for increased numbers of foster homes and the expedient licensure of prospective new homes.

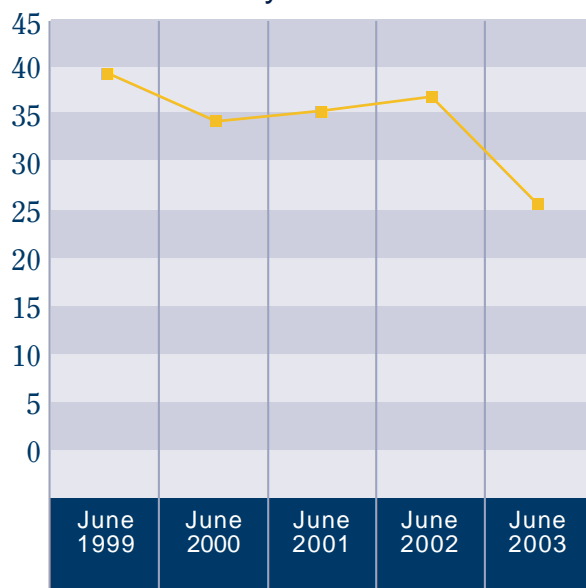
The Division of Licensed Resources (DLR) is vigilant about balancing the need for more homes and the need to ensure that adequate screening is conducted in an effort to provide children with the best possible homes in which to live, grow and heal from life traumas previously experienced.

Over the previous four years, performance with reference to this measure remained relatively unchanged, fluctuating between 32 and 38 percent. In Fiscal Year 2003, DLR made significant progress in expediting foster home licenses, reducing the percentage of licenses pending after 90 days to 25.9 percent.

This progress was accomplished despite enhancements to foster home screening and home-study processes which require a more time-intensive review of prospective foster homes.

**Percent of Foster Home Licensing Applications Which Take More than 90 Days to Process\***

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\*The percent of foster care licensing applications that take more than 90 days to complete.